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Training Development

Is your jurisdiction ready to handle a surge in resource requests?

Do you have trained Logisticians?

Do you know where you can find the logistics training your jurisdiction needs to be prepared?

Beginning this October the Regional Logistics Program is pleased to offer Disaster Logistics training designed to expand your jurisdiction's capacity for disaster logistics.
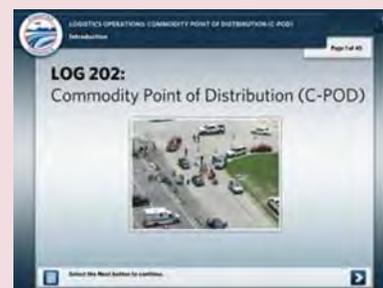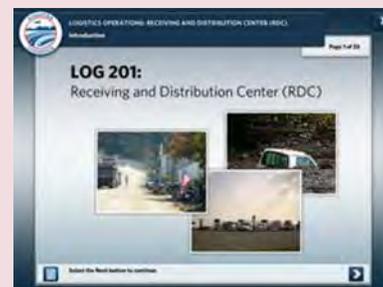
The training program consists of a modular series of four web-based courses that, in total, take no more than five hours to complete. All of the web-based courses are complemented by Just-in-Time (JIT) videos between 12 and 15 minutes each. All courses have been designed to provide users with the disaster logistics knowledge they need to step in and assist when they are needed most.

The introductory course, *LOG 101: The Disaster Logistician*, teaches the basic principles of logistics and the challenges of disaster logistics in particular. The remaining courses – *LOG 200: Logistics Center; LOG 201: Receiving and Distribution Center; and LOG 202: Commodity Point of Distribution* - are based on the plans developed by the Regional Logistics Program.

While initially designed as self-paced, web-based training all four courses are also available as instructor-led classroom training. The instructor-led version will allow students to discuss the concepts presented in the plans and better relate them to the specific process found in their own jurisdiction. In addition, those students new to logistics will have an opportunity to meet and learn with fellow future logisticians.

All of the Disaster Logistics training will be available through the Regional Logistics Program's website https://emergencylogistics.org/training/.

> **To schedule instructor-led training or for more information, please contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org or by phone at 646-215-6563.**

The Regional Logistics Program is an initiative designed to link resources, expertise, and information by encouraging collaboration among regional, state, and local emergency management partners in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. The program kicked off in the summer of 2009 when logistics planning, resource management, information sharing, and training efforts began.

The goal of these quarterly newsletters is to keep all stakeholders up-to-date on emerging and ongoing initiatives and to promote and encourage feedback from regional partners and nationwide emergency managers and planners. Each newsletter will provide information on recent work within the program.

For more information on the Program and disaster logistics, please visit us at www.EmergencyLogistics.org.

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The Regional Logistics Program Newsletter is a quarterly publication; look for the next issue in December 2012.

CONOPS

Movement Controller

The *Movement Controller* project is currently underway. A proposed architecture for the tool, including database and information requirements, is being developed and reviewed. This project will use results of the existing Program assessments of rail, air, land and maritime infrastructure to create a recommendation for how to develop a computer application tool that enables logistics personnel to optimize the flow of critical resources into the NY-NJ-CT-PA Project Site following a catastrophic incident. For more information please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Intermodal Infrastructure Reports: Site Assessment and Evaluation

Site assessment reports have been completed for approximately 50 sites across the Region that may be used to support Receiving and Distribution Center (RDC) and Commodity Point of Distribution (C-POD) operations. Jurisdictions that participated in the study will receive their respective reports in Fall 2012. For more information please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

ALERT

The *ALERT FOG* is now available! The *ALERT Field Operations Guide (FOG)*, which provides Area Logistics Emergency Response Team (ALERT) members with information that will assist them when deployed to new jurisdictions, is now available on the Program website. The *ALERT Implementation Guidance Document*, which will help local jurisdictions introduce ALERT at home, is in the final stages of development and will be available in Fall 2012. These documents support the development of the ALERT.

ALERT is preparing to begin acceptance of applications for membership. Jurisdictions interested in learning more about ALERT and how they can be a part should contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org.

Pre-Scripted Mission Request (PSMR) Project

We have 50 draft PSMRs available on the VJPO for your review. For more information please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

Information Sharing at www.emergencylogistics.org

The Program has recently published a number of plans and guides. These documents are all available for download on www.EmergencyLogistics.org. Users can find strategies and tools to assist in their preparedness planning efforts.

Plans & Guides Customization

The Program has completed and published a number of plans and guides. Our next step is to assist interested jurisdictions in customizing these plans and guides to suit their needs and hopefully implement these documents in their jurisdictions. The following documents are available for customization:

- C-POD Plan and Field Operations Guide

- Logistics Center Plan

- Receiving and Distribution Center Plan and Field Operations Guide

- Regional Asset Database Project Common Data Points

- Volunteer and Donations Management Plan and Field Guidance

You can find copies of all the plans and guides on www.EmergencyLogistics.org/our-plans-guides/. If you are interested in having any of these documents customized for your jurisdiction, please contact Nancy Harris at nharris@regionalcatplanning.org.

Regional Resource Management Solution (RRMS/RIMS)

The *EDXL-RM Research and Evaluation* project is currently underway. This project will use the Emergency Data Exchange Language-Resource Messaging (EDXL-RM) standard to pass resource request messages between regional incident management systems. The EDXL-RM standard provides a structure for sharing resource management data between agencies as resources are requested and deployed in emergencies. The Program is using this simulation as a way to facilitate adoption of the EDXL-RM standard throughout the Region to address problems related to interoperability.

The *RRMS Assessment Paper* is now available on the website. Printed copies of the paper will also be available in Fall 2012. For more information please contact Jim Penta at jpenta@regionalcatplanning.org.

**For the latest information on our Program events, please visit our Calendar of Events at
https://emergencylogistics.org/updates/calendar-of-events/**

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✧ The Virtual Joint Planning Office (VJPO) is an information management tool the Regional Logistics Program uses to house draft program documents; all documents mentioned in this newsletter are available on the VJPO.

✧ For access to the VJPO or for more information on joining a planning team, please email RCPLogistics@RegionalCATPlanning.org.

✧ *Please note:* planning team participation is open to all.